

**MEETING OF THE GEOLOGIST AND GEOPHYSICIST
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL
ENGINEERS AND LAND SURVEYORS**

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TAC Members Present: William Owen, PGp, PG, CHG, Chair; Hugh S. Robertson, PG CEG, Vice Chair; Mark Riches, PGp; William Cole, PG, CEG, CHG; Gary Simpson, PG, CEG

TAC Members Absent: None

Board Staff Present: Erik Zinn, PG, CEG (BPELSG Board Member), Linda Brown (Administrative Manager), Brooke Phayer (Information and Outreach Analyst), Patty Smith (G&G Program Lead Analyst), Lisa Chavez (G&G Program Staff Liaison)

I. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum

The meeting was called to order approximately 10:07 a.m. and a quorum was established.

II. Approve Minutes from the November 28, 2012 Geologist and Geophysicist Technical Advisory Committee (Geo TAC) Meeting with correction to: Section VI (3) Resurrect note "44" pertaining to Engineering Geology reports and a main Geophysical note. Motion – Hugh Robertson seconded by Mark Riches. Motion Approved 5-0 with changes.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Recommendations for updates to SMGB guidelines for preparing reports. Steve Testa

Stephen Testa, Executive Office, of the State Mining and Geology Board (SMGB), informed the Geologists and Geophysicists Technical Advisory Committee (Geo TAC) that he has been discussing with John Parrish, State Geologist, of the California Geological Survey (CGS) the status of staff having the time to go through the guidelines and notes and figure out which notes are worth updating etc. Mr. Testa stated that Brenda Perdosian, a Retired Annuitant, has been given the challenge to go through all of the guidelines and notes and is in the process of reviewing them. Also, Mr. Testa, and Mr. Parrish have agreed that a good approach would be to come back to the GeoTAC and provide an overview of what CGS has been doing with updating the notes taking into account any comments the GeoTAC may have now or in the future. Mr.

Testa stated that there has been a number of notes being worked on but is not sure where they are exactly in that process. Mr. Testa would like to come back with Mr. Parrish, and go through what changes that have been made and what is behind those changes; and discuss any other issues, concerns, or comments that the GeoTAC may have.

Mr. Zinn commented that there is no reason to wait for TAC meetings to disseminate what is going on in the process and potentially get feedback. Mr. Testa and Mr. Parrish are able to work with Ric Moore, Executive Officer, of The Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists and go through the chain of command that will filter through the Board members and down to the GeoTAC committee. The GeoTAC can then respond back individually back up the chain of command. Mr. Testa thanks Mr. Zinn and welcomes any and all informal comments from the GeoTAC, especially concerning the notes and guidelines.

Mr. Zinn asked Mr. Testa how SMGB & CGS are currently determining what notes to resurrect or change. Mr. Testa plans on having a discussion on that same topic with Mr. Parrish soon to summarize which notes are being updated and the reasons why. In the meantime, Mr. Testa is willing to forward anything at this time that is in preliminary form or in final draft to Ric Moore and to solicit comments. The GeoTAC is very satisfied with that approach.

Mr. Zinn also touched on note 48, stating that has been the biggest discussion among the GeoTAC. The GeoTAC members agree that note 48 has a great format. Mr. Zinn expressed that the GeoTAC would like to see the notes modernized and brought up to date with check lists in the same format as note 48; especially any notes that concern the Professional Geophysicist, and Certified Hydrogeologist professions.

Mr. Testa agrees to follow-up on all processes concerning the resurrection and modernization concerning the notes and guidelines and will forward the information to Ric Moore. In return the GeoTAC will provide feedback on the information provided.

V. Review Current Building Officials Pamphlet and make recommendations for Geological and Geophysical Supplement.

The GeoTAC sent their recommendations to Brooke Phayer, who will then send all comments to Patty; she will compile comments and send to Eric Zinn for consideration. Once Eric has prepared the draft it will be forwarded to GeoTAC members for any additional comments or changes prior to being finalized by Board staff for submittal to the Board.

VI. Update on items from previous meetings

(a) New Occupational Analysis status (approximate date of completion)

The CSE it is on hold because the tasks and knowledge portion has not been approved. Mr. Moore would like OPES to do a little re-working on the format that the test plan is in; and make some other changes before going forward.

The Geophysicists survey it is moving forward and should be ready soon.
The Certified Engineering Geologists (CEG) and Certified Hydrogeologists CHG surveys will be ready soon.

No approximate dates of completion right now.

(b) Update of Enforcement Statistics- Printout given to GeoTAC Members

(c) Update on Examination Statistics- Printout given to GeoTAC Members

VII. Discussion of Possible Topics for Future Meetings

- (a) Need input Gary Duke about the exemptions for state agencies regarding title and practice laws
- (b) Review legal position paper regarding stamp/seal requirements
- (c) Ask Legislative committee to give an update on legislative/regulatory issues
- (d) Discuss Geological and Geophysical notes updates with Mr. Testa and Mr. Parrish
- (e) Update on the Consumer's Guide
- (f) Update on the Building Officials Pamphlet
- (g) Invite other Board TAC members to attend the next GeoTAC meeting
- (h) Going forward there will be updates from the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists Board meeting.
- (i) Set next meeting date
- (j) Subsurface Utility Locating
- (k) Request presentation by Joanne Arnold, AEO, on the legislative/bill process; what is the Board's relationship regarding the process; (will be on the first agenda for the new fiscal year).

Adjourned at 1:16 PM

PUBLIC PRESENT – Stephen Testa from the State Mining and Geology Board